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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. BY NOW AUTHENTICITY OF KRIMSKY'S HANDWRITTEN NOTE RE-
PRODUCED IN LITGAZ AND THE 1500 RUBLE CHARGE PROBABLY
OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, BUT FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH NOTE DOES SEEM
TO BE FOR REAL AND KRIMSKY DOESN'T DENY IT. HE DOES,
HOWEVER, DENY ANY FINANCIAL WRONGDOING BEYOND ISSUE OF
GIVING SERIES D COUPONS TO HIS MAID. MASON MENTIONED
THIS LAST POINT TO KHAZOV FEB 4 -- KHAZOV SAID SOVIETS HAD
EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY--AND MASON AND FULLER ARE TAKING
KRIMSKY AT HIS WORD. WE HAVE NOTHING SPECIFICALLY ON THE
1500 RUBLE THING.

2. GEORGE COSTAKIS TELEPHONED FEBRUARY 4 TO SAY
THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE GATHERED ALL PACKET THREE
DOCUMENTS AND ARE READY TO COME IN FOR PRELIMINARY
INTERVIEW. WE HAD PLANNED TO GIVE HIM A LETTER OF
ACCEPTANCE FOR OVIR AFTER THESE INTERVIEWS. HOWEVER,
STATE 23674 APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT SERIOUS OBJECTIONS
TO HIS IMMIGRATION HAVE BEEN RAISED. WE DO NOT, OF
COURSE, WANT TO LEAD HIM ALONG IF HIS PROSPECTS ARE
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NOT GOOD. COSTAKIS TOLD US THAT HE CAN APPLY FOR
AND RECEIVE GREEK PASSPORTS AT ANY TIME SO THAT HE
COULD APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION TO GREECE. PLEASE
ADVISE WHETHER THE OBJECTION IS LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED.
WE WILL DELAY PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS PENDING RECEIPT
OF YOUR REPLY.

3. INS ROME HAS NOTIFIED US THAT THEIR DECISION IN THE CASE OF VOLF KLEIN (76 MOSCOW 6936, 76 ROME 8052) HAS BEEN REVERSED BY INS CO. THIS IS SECOND CASE (THE OTHER WAS MONYA POPOVITSER) IN WHICH THIS HAS HAPPENED, AND WE ARE CURIOUS WHETHER THESE REVERSALS HAVE RESULTED FROM INDIVIDUAL REVIEWS OF CASES OR A GENERAL REASSESSMENT OF CRITERIA FOR APPLYING 212(A)(28). IN THIS REGARD, HAS VO BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS WITH THE OGANES KOSHKARYAN CASE (76 MOSCOW 19685). HE CALLED RECENTLY TO TELL US THAT THE EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF THE FAMILY'S PASSPORTS RAN OUT AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

4. RE IMPLEMENTATION OF 3-5 RULE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION WHETHER IT APPLIES TO SOVIETS ASSIGNED TO USSR TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER WE HAVE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUCH VISAS OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT VISAS BEAR.

5. FOLLOWING UP ON THEIR EARLIER CALL AT SOVIET TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS (MOSCOW A-15) JOHN FORD AND LIN STARBIRD ARE PREPARING TO MAKE ANOTHER VISIT. THEY PLAN TO DISCUSS WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS AT ENTERPRISES WHICH SPAN TERRITORIAL OR INDUSTRIAL LINES; THE FORTH-COMING AUCCTU CONGRESS; TRENDS IN SOVIET COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; AND TO REQUEST MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIVIDUAL TRADE UNIONS. PERHAPS DIANA SMITH AND HER COLLEAGUES COULD SUGGEST ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. IF SO, COULD YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FEB 21, CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE DESIRED SUBJECTS?

6. TOLYA SHCHARANSKIY TOLD JOE PRESEL THAT SAKHAROV HAD ASKED HIM TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF SAKHAROV'S IRRITATION AT THE HANDLING OF HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER. SAKHAROV HAD GIVEN IT TO A VISITING AMERICAN LAWYER TO TAKE OUT WITH HIM AND THOUGHT THAT THE LATTER WOULD RESPECT SAKHAROV'S CONDITIONS: THAT IT BE SENT TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET IT TO THE PRESIDENT AND THAT IT NOT BE PUBLICIZED. SAKHAROV IS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSED AT THE FACT THAT THE LETTER WAS MADE PUBLIC BY THE LAWYER AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, AND WANTED US TO KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT HIS IDEA. TOON

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